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IBM Mainframe

16 messages

Kevin Keith <krfkeith@gmail.com>**Tue, Apr 15, 2008 at 9:24 PM**

To: jms.cllns@gmail.com

James,

Thank you for the swift reply. First of all, let me just introduce myself. My name is Kevin Keith and I live in Houston, Texas. I am 14 years old at the moment (I will turn 15 at the end of the month). I have always had a huge interest in computers. I currently collect old computers. Primarily older Macintosh systems and other exotic UNIX stuff (SGI, Sun, NeXT, etc.) However, just recently I have become interested in old PC systems. I have acquired a PS/1 Expert, a PS/2 Model 30, and I am going to pick up the original IBM PC in a few days. I love these systems. For one thing parts are a LOT easier to find than the other systems (and cheaper!). I am also a big fan of OS/2. I don't have it installed on a real machine yet (I'm working on building a box for it), however I do run it in Microsoft Virtual PC. It is a very neat and powerful OS (especially at the time!). However there has always been one computer that has intrigued me: The IBM System/360. I have always been interested in that one machine. I have researched it to no end. I have even played with it in an emulator. However it just wasn't the same. So, then began my quest to track down a S/360. I was soon stopped in my tracks when I learned that there are very few (if any, save the few the Smithsonian has) in working order. So then I started researching it. I then found that the System/390 would be the best system for me. However upon even further research, I think that an early IBM eServer zSeries would be the best mainframe to get. I have always wanted to learn more about mainframes. I will admit however that I have very little money (\$100) so buying one is not really an option. I had no idea mainframes were that expensive. Then a friend told me that he had gotten some RS/6000 workstations from IBM for next to nothing and that gave me hope. I have wanted to allow people to learn more about and access a mainframe. Please, if you have any of the first generation zSeries laying around, I am interested. Although I will take what I can get. Plus any RS/6000s, AS/4000s, Thinkpads (ones that are compatible with NeXTSTEP/OPENSTEP), or any PCs I would also be interested. I already know about the power requirements and am prepared to cope with that.

Thanks

Kevin

James Collins <jms.cllns@gmail.com>**Wed, Apr 16, 2008 at 5:52 PM**

To: Kevin Keith <krfkeith@gmail.com>

Kevin, I am currently searching through our inventory for a configuration for you. I think that we may have a system just for you, the System/390 Multiprise 3000. You can find some information from IBM here:

<http://www-03.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/library/specsheets/pdf/g2219090.pdf>

I am preparing a quote for the price on what we think is a reasonable deal for you on the Multiprise 3000, complete with a DASD configuration and memory.

Regards,

James Collins
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Kevin Keith <krfkeith@gmail.com>**Wed, Apr 16, 2008 at 6:25 PM**

To: James Collins <jms.cllns@gmail.com>

But can it run z/OS?

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Kevin Keith <krfkeith@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 16, 2008 at 6:26 PM

To: James Collins <jms.cllns@gmail.com>

Also do you have a number I can reach you at?

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James Collins <jms.cllns@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 16, 2008 at 6:29 PM

To: Kevin Keith <krfkeith@gmail.com>

The Multiprise 3000 is a 31-bit system, so it is unable to run later versions of z/OS. I have prepared a quote for you, and a PDF of it is attached to this document. Please email me back with any changes you desire to your configuration.

Regards,

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Kevin Keith <krfkeith@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 16, 2008 at 6:41 PM

To: James Collins <jms.cllns@gmail.com>

ok. Thats fine. However something that would run z/OS would be preferable, but ill take whatever I can get. Thank you. Also if i could talk to you on the phone that would be nice. Thanks

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Kevin Keith <krfkeith@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 17, 2008 at 8:25 PM

To: James Collins <jms.cllns@gmail.com>

On Wed, Apr 16, 2008 at 8:26 PM, Kevin Keith <krfkeith@gmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Collins,

Unfortunately I do not think that this is an option. While I appreciate your time and effort, there is simply no way I will be able to afford \$30,000. If you saw in my first email, I only have approximately \$100 to spend (actually, that's everything I have!) on this. My plan was to allow anyone to have access to a mainframe free of charge, as a sort of non-profit computer education program. Many people think that a mainframe is old, dated technology that is something only useful in the 1970s. I want to prove this is simply not the case. IBM Mainframes offer the advantage of being able to run the fantastic VM operating system so I can therefore theoretically provide every user with their own virtual mainframe. As you must know, buying a \$100,000+ computer (as in the latest z9 and z10 series) is very big investment and not something taken lightly. I doubt there are many prospective buyers with that much disposable income (I am not criticizing the price of these systems). Just like a person would not walk into a car dealership one day and decide they are going to buy a car. Research and testing must be conducted first. By that analogy, I would like to provide this "test-drive" for prospective buyers. Of course, I have a personal desire to own one of these fabulous machines myself, I also want to better educate people about mainframes and allow them to realize

they are not a thing of the past. I would obviously be willing to cover any freight charges that would apply. I am also working on earning more money to devote to this. And of course, putting aside everything mentioned above, that if you do decide to "give" a a mainframe away, just know you are making one kid very very happy!

Thanks for everything!
-Kevin

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Kevin Keith <krfkeith@gmail.com>
To: James Collins <jms.cllns@gmail.com>

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Sorry, I didnt send you the message!:

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Thanks for everything!
-Kevin

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James Collins <jms.cllns@gmail.com>
To: Kevin Keith <krfkeith@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 17, 2008 at 9:01 PM

Mr. Keith,

While we appreciate your interest in our products, we are currently unable to assist with your request, as we do not have any equipment available at the price point you desire. If you do have a larger budget in the future, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
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Thu, Apr 17, 2008 at 9:09 PM

Oh? not even an older System/370?-

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I may also be able to save up some more money

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James Collins <jms.cllns@gmail.com>
To: Kevin Keith <krfkeith@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 17, 2008 at 9:13 PM

Mr. Keith, we do not have any System/370 equipment. IBM does not stock any because of our policy during the era of recycling all equipment after coming off lease (System/370 equipment was typically leased).

Regards,

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Well, what about early System/390 equipment. For instance something like a G2? And please, call me Kevin!

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Thu, Apr 17, 2008 at 9:19 PM

Kevin, IBM has discontinued all sales of earlier System/390 equipment. In fact, we only offer the Multiprise 3000 used currently.

Regards,

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Oh? well is there a way to get one? Does anybody still have one that is getting rid of it?

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Thu, Apr 17, 2008 at 9:22 PM

Kevin, the odds of acquiring one are very slim, as most of our business partners do not stock such equipment, since IBM no longer offers maintenance/software contracts on older S/390 equipment. We do not know of anyone getting rid of a S/390 system.

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